

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A communications unit (1) constructed as a slave station which is adapted to be coupled to a plurality of master stations (2) via a wireless connection, said communications unit having a memory with a plurality of address fields in which one or more identification keys may be stored, wherein a coupling is established between one of the master stations and the communications unit in that an identification key of the master station is stored in one of the address fields of the communications unit, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the address fields of the communications unit is configured with a fixed address field and an associated electrical lock, and that the address field may be overwritten only if a certain master station of the plurality of master stations has a unique identification key to open the electrical lock.

2. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fixed address field is predefined to be coupled only to specific master stations.

3. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claims 1 —2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the coupling is established with a short-ranged communications connection of the Bluetooth type or the DECT type.

4. (Currently Amended) A communications connection according to claims 1 —3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the communications unit is a headset.

5. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claims 1 —4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the master station is an adapter master station having a unique identification key, and that the adapter master station is coupled, optionally wirelessly, to a public switched telephone.

6. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the adapter master station emits indication signals to the communications unit, allowing it to be verified in the communications unit, e.g. via sound emission, whether it may be coupled to the adapter master station, and if so a prioritized connection to the adapter master station is provided.

7. (Currently Amended) A communications connection according to claims 1 —6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the master station is a public switched telephone, a mobile telephone or the like.

8. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claims 5 —7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the adapter master station has a volume control unit to adjust the strength of a signal between the communications unit and a master station, e.g. a public switched telephone, relative to the strength of the signal between the headset and another master station, e.g. a mobile telephone.

9. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claims 5 —8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the adapter master station has an electrical circuit or a mechanical structure adapted to lift or hang-up the receiver of the public switched telephone.

10. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claims 5 —9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the adapter master station emits a special sound at a call.

11. (Currently Amended) A communications unit according to claims 5 —10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the adapter master station has a charging unit to charge the headset.